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A CAUTION - Stylus Use

To avoid fatigue and discomfort when using the stylus, do not grip it tightly or press it hard against the screen. Keep your fingers, hand, wrist and arm relaxed. Long, steady, gentle strokes work just a well as many short, hard strokes.

Getting Started

Follow these steps to get started:

- 1. Make sure your Nintendo DS" is turned off.
- Insert the MechAssault: Phantom War Game Card and turn your system on.
- Once the health and safety warning appears, tap the Touch Screen to access the system menu.
- 4. Tap the MechAssault: Phantom War icon on the Touch Screen.

The year is 3134. Nearly all Hyperpulse Generators (HPGs), the pinnacles of interstellar communication, have been hit hard by a virus. After 60 years of peace and prosperity, the Republic of the Sphere, home of all civilized superpowers in the known universe, now trembles in a dark age of excommunication.

Ensuing fear gives breath to forgotten trespasses of both Clans and Great Houses, spawning impossible rumors, even that of HPGs being converted into weapons.

In an attempt to secure their future, the Lyran Alliance elicits Vallen Brice, a genius and Tech Warrant, newly turned MechWarrior, to attempt conversion of an HPG for military engagement.

Accompanied by Hauptmann Jane Faulkner, Tech Warrant Banon "Vern" Styles, and the trusted Anodyne Cross Militia, all fears come to light, even that of Clan engagement and a war that, win or lose, will never go on record.

So begins the Phantom War.

Default Controls



- L BUTTON Jumpjets/Detonate Missile (in POV Turret)
- + CONTROL PAD Move 'Mech or Vehicle/Speed Up or Slow Down Missile (in POV Turret)
- R BUTTON Fire Weapon/Drop & Detonate Bomb (as Pilot)
- START Pause
- X BUTTON Aim/Look Up
- B BUTTON Aim/Look Down
- Y BUTTON Aim/Look Left
- A BUTTON Aim/Look Right
- SELECT BUTTON Scoreboard (multiplayer only)

Touch Screen Functions by 'Mech or Vehicle in Button Mode

Lower Right Tap



Change Weapons

Upper Left Hold







Lower Left Tap











Defensive Mod (BattleMech, Tank & POV Turret)



Claw-BattleArmor







First Person Zoom In/Zoom Out [Tank]



Initiate Enemy Terminal Hack (Pilot)



Note: You can change these default control configurations, including Stylus Control configurations, in the Options Menu by selecting Controls.



 - Tap to access current mission objectives and general help. When information is available, the icon will blink and then glow until tapped.
 Once tapped, the game will pause so you can review help text from the Pause Menu.

Warbook Icon



 Touch to access technical specifications about your current vehicle's weapons and defenses (also available from the Pause Menu if you select Warbook). Gameplay pauses when this information is displayed.

Main Menu

The Main Menu appears on the Touch Screen. Tap the up/down arrows with the stylus or use the CONTROL PAD to toggle between selections, then tap your choice or press the A BUTTON to select your choice. Tap the Back icon with the stylus or press the B BUTTON to return to the Main Menu from a submenu. Choose from the following at the Main Menu:

CAMPAIGN

Play through 24 challenging missions throughout a story-driven campaign. Choose from the following at the Campaign Menu:

- New Campaign: Begin a new single-player campaign.
- Load Campaign: Choose from up to three saved game files to load.
- Erase Campaign: Choose from up to three saved game files to delete.

MULTIPLAYER

Compete against 2 to 4 players in a wireless link battle (requires as many *MechAssault: Phantom War* Game Cards as number of players). Choose from the following at the Multiplayer Menu:

- Create Game: Initiate a new multiplayer game with anyone within your wireless range. Make your selection from the available game types and related maps. Players can only join during the first initiation of a game; once a multiplayer game is in session, no additional players can join.
- Join Game: Select from an existing multiplayer game within your
 wireless range. A maximum of three multiplayer games will be
 displayed for all connected players to join. If no multiplayer games
 are within range or the maximum number of players have joined
 existing games, the "Searching" message will remain on screen until
 an available game is found.

Multiplayer Game Modes

There are five multiplayer game modes across eight different maps.

- Grand Melee: Aggressive combat against your MechWarrior peers.
 Trial ends when the rules of combat are met.
- Trial of Annihilation: Team based trial, pairing skills until the rules of combat are met.
- Circle of Equals: Trial of spatial control and overall ability, Warriors hold a designated area for the maximum amount of time while engaged by contesters.
- Elusive Circle of Equals: The Circle of Equals repositions periodically

as defined by the rules of combat. Warriors hold the Elusive Circle of Equals for the maximum amount of time for victory.

 Phantom Melee: Combat in dense fog against your MechWarrior peers. Trial ends when the rules of combat are met.

OPTIONS

Choose from the following at the Options Menu:

- Controls: Choose from four different control schemes and turn the Invert Y Axis ON/OFF.
- Audio: Adjust sound effects, voiceover and music volume using a slider control.
- Damage Indicator*: Choose to display an enemy/friendly damage indicator on the lower screen (default), upper screen or neither. When displayed on the lower screen, the vehicle type will appear above the damage bar.
- . Subtitles ON/OFF*: Turn voiceover subtitles ON/OFF.

REDITS

Check out the MechWarriors who brought you MechAssault: Phantom War.

*These options do not apply to multiplayer modes.

Pause Menu

Press START to access the Pause Menu. When the game is paused, the current mission objective (for single player) or rules of combat (for multiplayer) will appear on the top screen. Press the icon in the upper left-hand corner of the Pause Menu (single player only) to return to the game. At the Pause Menu, choose from the following:

- Resume Game: Returns you to the game in progress.
- Options: See Options on page 8 for details.
- Help: Access to scroll back through all available help text.
- Warbook: Details technical specifications for any 'Mech or vehicle.
- Restart: Choose from Restart Entire Mission or Restart From Checkpoint.
- . Quit Mission: Exits the current mission.

The Pause Menu for wireless multiplayer mode includes:

- Options: See Options on page 8 for details.
- Quit Game: Exit a multiplayer game in progress. If a player quits, the multiplayer game in session will end.
- Resume Game: Returns all players to the game in progress.
- Help: Access to scroll back through all available help text.
- Warbook: Details technical specifications for any 'Mech or vehicle.

NOTE: Pausing a multiplayer game pauses the game for all players.

Saving Your Game

The game will automatically save at the beginning of a level. If you exit gameplay or turn off your Nintendo DS, you will resume gameplay from the beginning of the last level played. Once you select a saved campaign to load, you will see all completed missions and movies available for replay.

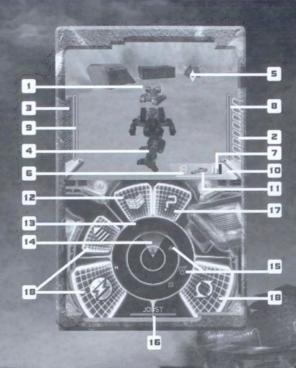
HUD Display

Upper Screen

- Targeting Reticule
- Health Meter
- Heat Scale
- Third Person Perspective
- Waypoint Indicator: Yellow= Hack the objective Red= Destroy the objective Green=Move to the objective Blue=Defend the objective
 - Ammunition Count
- Weapon Upgrade Meter
- Jumpjet Meter
- Defensive Mod Meter (See page 29 for details.)
- Weapon Reload Timer
- Weapon Display

Lower Screen

- Warbook Icon
- - Your Position
- Enemy (red) and Ally
- (green) positions displayed as triangles, diamonds and squares depending on vehicle type
- 15 Damage Indicator
- 17 Help Icon
- 18 Functional Buttons (See page 5 for details.)



Vehicles

You can commandeer multiple vehicles and play as a human pilot in MechAssault: Phantom War. By utilizing multiple vehicles, you can strategically progress through the game and harness the power of a broad, upgradeable arsenal. The specific attributes of each 'Mech and vehicle that follow are also available in game within the Warbook.

BATTLEMECHS ("MECHS")

Mechs are the ultimate war machines. These giant mechanical behemoths are the most powerful weapons on the battlefield and come in four classes: light (under 40 tons), medium (40-55 tons), heavy (60-75 tons) and assault class (80-100+ tons). In addition, each 'Mech varies in speed, weapons, armor and maximum heat and cooling rates.

Light 'Mechs

Cool Rate: 10

Armor: 2,750

Uller

Weight: 30 tons
Speed: 30 mph
Weapons: laser, (rossbow SAM
Other: Jumpjets, Reflective Armor
Maximum Heat: 100



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Weight: 30 tons

Speed. 10 mph

Weapons: Pulse laser, Hammer Missiles

Other: Jumpjets, Null Sig

Maximum Heat: 100

Cool Rate: 10 Armor: 2,714



Cougar

Weight: 35 tons

Speed: 30 mph

, Weapons: Pulse laser, Autocannon, Jauelin LAM

Other: Jumpjets, Retive AMS Maximum Heat: 109

Cool flate: 10

Armor: 2,714



Puma

Weight: 36 tons Speed: 30 mph

Weapons: PPC, Machine Gun,

Other: Jumpjets, Null Sig Maximum Heat: 109

Cool Rate: 10 Armor: 2,714



Medium 'Mechs

Raptor

Weight: 40 tons

Speed. 32 mph

Weapons: Pulse Laser, Autocannon, Crossbow SRM

Other: Jumpjets, flull Sig

Maximum Heat: 114

Cool Rate: 12

Armor: 2,857



Stiletto

Weight: 40 tons

Speed: 32 mph

Weapons: PP(, Gauss Rifle, Crossbow SRM

Other: Jumpjets, Reactive Armor

Манітит Heat: 114

Cool Rate: 12 Armor: 2,857



Uziel

Weight: 50 tons

Speed: 26 mph

Weapons: PPC, Machine Gun,

Other: Jumpjets, Reflective Armor

Maximum Heat: 129

Cool Rate. 18

Armor: 3,214



Belial

Weight: SO tons Speed: 26 mph

Weapons: Pulse Laser, Causs Rifle,

Other: Jumpjets, Target Jamming Maximum Heat: 129 Cool Rate: 10

Armor: 3,214



Heavy 'Mechs

Laki

Weight: 70 tons

Speed: 28 mph

Weapons: Pulse laser, Autocannon, (rossbow SAM

Other: Null Sig Maximum Heat: 157 Cool Rate: 18 Armor: 3,929



Hellbringer

Weight: 70 tons Speed: 23 mph

Weapons: Flamer, Autocannon,

Other: Jumpjets, Active AMS Maximum Heat: 157

Cool Rate: 18 Armor: 3,989



Mad Cat

Weight: 75 tons

Speed: 23 mph

Weapons: PPC, Machine Gun,

Other: Target Jamming

Maximum Heat: 164 Cool Rate: 13

Armor: 4,107



Timber Wolf

Weight: 75 tons Speed: 23 mm

Weapons: Pulse laser, Gauss Rifle,

Other: Active AMS Manimum Heat: 16's Cool Rate: 10 Armor: *107



Assault 'Mechs

Rtlas

Weight: 100 tons

Linatara (* Javelin LYM)

Other: Righa Strike Manimum Heat: 208 Lool Rate: 10 Armor: 6,000



Promethous

Weight: 100 tens

Speed: 19 mph

Weapons: Laser, Gauss Riffe, Hammer Missile

Other: Alpha Strike Maximum Heat: 200 Cool Rate: 10 Armor: 5,000



Blood Asp

Weight: 100 tons Speed: 19 mph

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Other: Alpha Strike

Maximum Heat: 200 Cool Rate: 11

Armor: 5,000



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Speed: 19 meh

Weapons: Lava Gun. Gauss Rifle, Javelin IRIN

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BATTLEARMOR

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Speed: 16 mph
Offensive
Weapons: Pulse laser, Mortar
Defensive/Special: Jumpjets



TANKS

impede their mission.

Rommel MHN

Speed: 20 mph

Offensive Weapons: Gravity Cannon (with anom), Machine Cun

Defensive/Special: Null Sig



POV TURRET

Despite a shield, turrets are somewhat defenseless against Mechs and large tanks. However, their POV (Point of View) missiles allow for extremely focused and powerful attacks on critical pathways like bridges.

Speed: Up to 150 mph
Offensive Weapons:
Missile Etherical englosive
warhead), Laser

Defensive/Special: Energy Shield

MECHWARRION/FILOT

As Vallen Brice, a MechWarrior pilot, you are in man form with minimal armor protection and any pilot bombs to defend yourself with. Stealth



Weapons

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MECH ENERGY WEAPONS



Pulse laser: Generates low heat but its rapid-fire bursts do low damage.



1a52f: Fires a long single beam and includes targeting assistance. Yields greater damage than the Pulse Laser. Generated heat is offset by a slower recharge rate.



powerful energy weapon available, the PPC emits immense heat per round. It must be charged up before firing. The level of power is proportionate to the amount of time charged.



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MECH BALLISTIC WEAPONS



muthing Gan Haraparent pulse lasers but has a shorter effective range.



Rutocannon: More powerful than the machine gun and has a longer range. Good for small and mediumsized enemies.



Causs Rifle: The most powerful ballistic weapon available. Though it has a long reload time, its projectile is usually too fast for an enemy to avoid making it a very valuable resource to manage.

MISSILE WEAPONS



What this weapon lacks in power and range it makes up for in accuracy via a guidance system that homes in on its target.



Jauelin LRM (Long Range Missile): Has a slow recharge rate and yields low damage but its guidance system is very effective over long distances.



Lamber Fleshr to compared to

OTHER WEAPONS



Laua Gun. Spews hot volcanic magma and generates a massive amount of heat.



Flamer. A hybrid of the outdated flamethrower and the inferno missile. The flamer yields decent damage, has a limited guidance system and generates heat in the impacted vehicle.

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BATTLEARMOR WEAPONS



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Mortaf: A projectile with immense impact and range control. Charge the weapon and/or adjust pitch to affect the traveling distance of each shot.

TANK WEAPONS



Machine Gun: Short range but rapid-fire release.



Gravity Cannon: Only found on tanks, the Gravity Cannon has a zoom function making it useful for lung-range fighting. It has excellent power but long reload times.

PILOT WEAPONS



Pilot Bombs: Explosive charges you can place and manually detonate or leave in an enemy's path for proximity based detonation.

POV TURRET WEAPONS



Laser: Can continuously fire rounds without ing but his Alphi firm Dayon, lare nay very powerful



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Defensive Mods & Special Weapons

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DEFENSIVE MODS



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or reactive. atly reduce damage. ive mods shield the vehicle. Histic waapons.





LOSTECH: When active, will decrease damage from any and all weapon impacts.



Energy Defense Shield: Shields you from enemy damage while in the POV Turret.

OTHER SPECIAL WEAPONS:

Jumpjets: Enhance the equipped vehicle with thrust propulsion, limited by refuel capacity and planet gravity.



Alpha Strike: Vehicles with the capacity for Alpha Strike reach this state by upgrading all weapons to maximum power. When active, Alpha Strike can be selected, charged to full and released for unparalleled impact. Once fired, all weapons return to the lowest power setting.

Hacking

Mastering hacking techniques is critical to the success of your campaign.

NEUROHACKING

While in BattleArmor, you can approach a hostile 'Mech, override the pilot's defense system, and seize

the Mech. Upon attaching to a 'Mech, use the Touch Screen to begin the hack. Touch a code symbol on the top of the Touch Screen and slide it to a match on the bottom. When all lower symbols have been matched, the hack is completed. The left meter tracks your progress and the right tracks the enemy. The difficulty of the hack increases as you attempt to hack larger 'Mechs with more experienced pilots and better hack defense systems. Once you have successfully NeuroHacked the 'Mech, you can exit your BattleArmor and enter the 'Mech.



TERMINAL HACKING

Hacking terminals lets you access blocked areas and gain entry into enemy installations, but you must exit your current 'Mech or vehicle and enter pilot mode to do so. In pilot form, you are vulnerable to attack so clearing out nearby enemies before getting out of your vehicle is critical. To complete the hack, "catch" the symbols by touching them on the Touch Screen as they fall from the top screen. Direct them into the matching slots to lock in the code. Lock all 4 code symbols to complete the hack.



Upgrading Weapons & Salvage

You can upgrade any of your 'Mech, BattleArmor and Tank weapons by picking up salvage from destroyed 'Mechs, Tanks and buildings. Note: you cannot upgrade POV Turret or pilot weapons. Find salvage of the corresponding color to upgrade your weapons from their base level to two more powerful levels:



Armor (Green): Replenishes armor.



Missile (Red): Advances missile power level.



Energy (Blue): Advances energy power level.



Ballistic (Yellow): Advances ballistic power level.



Speed (Orange): Temporarily increases 'Mech's speed (multiplayer only)



Heat (Purple): Temporarily increases 'Mech's cool rate (multiplayer only),

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